

AN
ACCOUNT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST

Richard Alberrow, Oliver Hamley and John Condon,

FOR

Robbing the King's *Mafe*, on the 1206.
Day of *April* last past, at or near

ILLEFORD

in the County of

ESSEX:

Who was Tryed at the

King's Bench-Bar, Westminster.

THE Prisoners being brought from *Newgate* by the
Keeper, &c. to the *King's Bench-Bar*, on *Tuesday* the
22^d of *June*, 1686. And having been Arraigned
about the Beginning of this Term: The former pleaded
Guilty to his Arraignment: but the two latter pleading not
Guilty, they were brought to their Tryals before Mr. Justice
Holt, &c.



The Jury were Gentlemen of the County of Essex, and are as followeth, viz.

Simon Thorogood Esq;
Henry Luther Esq;
William Frith Esq;
Mark Wynn Esq;
Ralph Thickness Esq;
William Luther Esq;

John German,
John Lockey,
John Pool,
John Pool of Burworth-Green,
Robert Dent,
Nicholas Carleton Gent.

Then Sr. *Samuel Afrey*, Clerk of the Crown, read the Indictment, which set forth the Weight and Value of the Gold, as followeth, viz.

One Wedge of Gold, weighing Seventy eight Ounces and an half, value 314 l. One little Purse, wherein was many Forreign pieces of Gold, weighing Ninety nine Ounces, value 396 l. One other Wedge, weighing one Hundred twenty two Ounces, value 488 l. One other little Bag, containing several Forreign pieces, weighing Six hundred and nine Ounces and an half, value 278 l. One other Wedge weighing Six hundred and one Ounces and an half, value 267 l. One other Wedge weighing One hundred ninety and two Ounces, value 768 l. One other little Linnen purse, containing therein One hundred and fifteen Ounces and an half of Gold, value 462 l. another Wedge weighing Seventy eight Ounces and an half, value 314 l. One other Wedge, containing Eighty Ounces, value 320 l. Another of Eighty nine Ounces and an half, value 358 l. Another Wedge weighing Eighty eight Ounces, value 352 l. Another Wedge of Forty seven Ounces, value 188 l. One other Wedge of Twenty three Ounces value 92 l. One other little Bag, containing One hundred and six Ounces and an half, value 453 l. Thirty five Ounces more, value 140 l. Thirty three Ounces, value 132 l. All, the Goods of Mr. *Alvarius de Costi*, Mr. *Andrew Alvarius*, and Mr. *Abra. Fenw*, and Feloniously taken away from *John Gelp*, the King's Post, at the place aforesaid, &c.

Richard Alborrow, being asked whether he was Guilty or not Guilty, said, My Lord I am Guilty, and I Plead'd so the last time I was here, and likewise that he had nothing to say material for himself, but that he hoped the King would extend his Mercy and Clemency towards him, seeing he was so very Penitent for his great Crime: So the Court pronounced the usual Sentence against him, and he was immediately taken from the Bar.

Then the King's Council proceeded against the other two, viz. *Oliver Hawly* and *John Condon*, and called their Witnesses; the first of which was the Post-Boy, who gave in Evidence that as he was Riding along the Road near *Ilford*, aforesaid, two Men Set upon him and bid him stand, and took his

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his *Male* and opened it; and took out all the aforesaid Gold, and Rode towards *London* with it but he did not know who they were that Rob'd him.

The next Witness was an *Ostler*, who proved that he was hired to take Horses from *London* to *Stratford*, by Mr. *Condon*, and that *Alborrow*, *Hawley*, and *Condon*, and one *Smith*, (who is fled from Justice) came in a Coach on the *Monday* Morning to *Stratford*, and the *Ostler* came back in the same Coach, but he could say nothing as to the matter of Fact.

The next Witness was the Coachman that carryed them, who gave in Evidence that he took up the Four aforesaid persons at the *Horsbooe Tavern* in the *Strand*, and that they bid him Drive them to *Stratford*, where he left them and brought the *Ostler* back.

The next Witness was one Mr. *Jones* the Inn-keeper at *Stratford*; who proved that the Prisoners and *Smith*, Dined at his house on *Monday* in the *Afternoon*, about Three a Clock, and that he Lett them two Horses to go to my Lord *Peters's*, near *Ingershane*; (as they told him) and that he had his Horses again by Eight a Clock the next Morning.

The next Witness was one Mr. *Gibson*, an Inn-keeper at *Rumford*, who gave in Evidence that the aforesaid four persons, Dined at his house the day before the Robbery was Committed, but he could not tell what time they went out of his house, for that he was very busie amongst his Guests.

The next Witness was one Mr. *Wright*, who gave in Evidence, that *Hawley* and *Condon* were brought in before him, and that he Exhorted them to make an ingenious Confession, and that he did Examine them, and caused them to be searched, and that *Condon* put his Hand in his Pocket himself voluntarily, and brought forth about Five and Forty Pieces of Foreign Gold, and some Duccatoons, which were produced in Court; and that he owned it to be the same Gold that was taken out of the *Male*, as aforesaid.

The Prisoners both owned the Examination; that it was their own Hands that Subscribed it; and it was Read in Court, which was, *That Hawley did Confess that Alborrow and Smith did Commit the Robbery aforesaid: And that the Money was shared in Long-Acre, at Condon's House; and there they divided the Spoil, &c.*

There were some other Witnesses upon the Tryal, that proved the Matter of Fact very fully upon them, that they were Accessary and Abettors to the said Robbery; and they making but a very frivolous and weak Defence for themselves, speaking nothing material to the Matter in their own Defence, whereby it might be made appear to the Court that they were not concerned in the said Robbery: And furthermore, having no Witnesses on their Sides, but their own Words; the Court thereupon

thereupon proceeded to sum up the Evidence; which was performed by Mr. Justice *Wylliams*; who informed the Jury that the Case was very plain before them; and that if they believed the persons at the Bar to be the persons Accessory to the Robbery, then they ought to find them Guilty; and that the case being so clear, he would not acquaint them what was Evidence and what was not, and that he would not trouble them any further, but leave it to their own Consciences; and if they found it that the two Prisoners at the Bar were concerned as Accessories to the other two, then they must be hanged for it, &c.

Then the Jury went out for the space of half an Hour, and returning, brought in their Verdict; that they were both Guilty of the Robbery, alledged against them in their Indictment.

Then the Keeper took back his Prisoners to Newgate in a Coach; and the Court Ordered him to bring them down in Morning, to receive Sentence as the Law Directs.

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Thereupon the other Witnesses upon the Tryal, that were very fully upon them, that they were Accessory to the said Robbery; and they making a very good Defence for themselves, they were not admitted to the latter in their own Defence, but were made appear to the Court that they were concerned in the said Robbery; And furthermore, having on their own Words; the Court